

III. REMARKS

The Examiner has previously rejected claims 52 and 56 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,778,255 to Clark. With regard to claims 52 and 56, Applicants respectfully cancel both of these claims from the application. Claims 53-55 and 57-71 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended these dependent claims accordingly. Thus, in view of the above and since all other claims have been allowed, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (512) 370-2858.

Respectfully submitted,

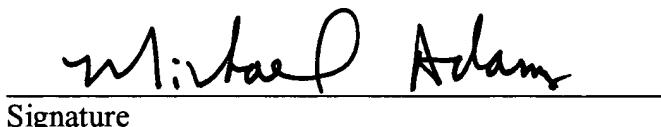


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